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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6135**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1354

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 1, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Election of Judges In Lake County.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Brown C

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- (A) The bill requires the election of judges in Lake County.
- (B) The bill repeals provisions related to the Lake County Judicial Nominating Commission.
- (C) The bill continues the current judges in office until the end of the judges' terms.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (A) The election of judges in Lake County would not have an impact on local expenditures. Under current law, judges in Lake County are placed on the general election ballot every six years for a vote of retention. Given that the bill would require the judges to be directly elected by a general election ballot every six years, the general election ballot may need to be reorganized to accommodate the direct election of the judges.

(B) Under the bill, the Lake County Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) would be repealed. Under current law, members of the JNC are not directly compensated by salary, but may be compensated for actual expenses

incurred in performing their duties. The county could experience a slight reduction in expenditures under this provision.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Lake County Judicial Nominating Commission.

**Information Sources:**

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